

August 15, 1995

To: Nicholas L. Ottaviani, Director of Probation

From: Anthony T. Nardozi, Probation Officer

Re: Paul D. Gaeta (d.o.b. [REDACTED])
971 Lovejoy
Buffalo, New York 14206

Regarding our conversation this date on the above mentioned ... various anonymous individuals have contacted me in the past few days wanting to know if Mr. Gaeta is to be hired as a Probation Officer ... apparently he has let it be known that he has or may be appointed as a Probation Officer ... these individuals are incensed at the prospect of his appointment maintaining Mr. Gaeta is a known pedophile ... though no person interviewed could say for sure if he has ever been arrested.

Although a pre-employment investigation was already completed on Mr. Gaeta the officer did not check our record room for a previous record ... Our records show completing an ACD investigation on the above mentioned in 1979 which is listed under case # 102730 ... the following information and circumstances of the offense was available to us at the time of the investigation.

Mr. Gaeta was arrested by Buffalo Police 4-21-78 on Crandall Drive located in Delaware Park, Buffalo, N.Y. at approximately 10:45 P.M. and charged with Sodomy 2nd Degree 130.45 P.L. (Class D Felony) and Endangering the Welfare of a Child 260.10-1 P.L. (Class A Misd.).

Buffalo Police reported that while on routine patrol they observed a parked car and upon investigation observed a male occupant identified as Paul Gaeta with his head between the legs of a minor ... [REDACTED] 11 Years of age at the time ... [REDACTED] informed authorities that Gaeta had picked him up and after they drove around for a while asked him "have you ever been blown ?" ... [REDACTED] further alleged he took his penis out and Gaeta performed oral sodomy on him for about two minutes when police pulled up.

Gaeta was arraigned before the Honorable Anthony P. LoRusso in City Court under Docket 1B-96450 ... after numerous adjournments and letters of reference and a psychiatric report which stated that the doctor did not believe Gaeta would do this again the charges were dismissed and the case sealed on 6-11-79.

This case was listed under NYSIIS # 4273065H as verified through our records however that number is no longer valid since the case was sealed.

At the time of this arrest Gaeta lived at 93 University ... Our record room also lists a [REDACTED] of the same address with juvenile case # 88497 (January 1976) ... apparently the brother of Paul Gaeta.

With your permission I spoke with interested parties this date ... all claimed first hand information, but only one would allow their name to be used ... each person seemed knowledgeable regarding Gaetas' background and activities over the years ... interviews were conducted separately by phone and each provided almost identical information.

Linda DuVall, 455 Gold Street, Buffalo is the niece of a well known Buffalo attorney and the only individual who would allow her name to be used ... she provided the following information.

Gaeta is not from Lovejoy and first appeared in this area as a counselor for ABLY around 1976 ... around 1978 he was appointed director of ABLY by then Councilman Norman Bakos who was the force behind ABLY since its inception ... Gaeta remained the director until he resigned in 1994 right after an unnamed person attempted to have an article printed in the ABLY Paper on: How to Recognize the Child Sex Abuse Offender.

Around March 1994 he was appointed by Norman Bakos as camp director at Jellystone Camp Grounds in North Java, New York which had been purchased by Bakos with monies received through grants from State and or Federal. He remained in that position until about a week ago when a rumor was heard that Gaeta was contemplating a position as a Probation officer.

During the time he was Director of ABLY from roughly 1984 to 1994 he was going to P.S. #43 on Lovejoy checking on "boys who were attendance problems" and apparently had access to the schools attendance records ... "he would pinpoint young boys who came from dysfunctional homes ... boys only never girls ... pick them up for school in the morning and or bring them home ... he also did tutoring ..."

Mrs. DuVall further related one of the women who worked in the ABLY Office told her that when Gaeta worked there as Director he would bring young boys to his office and lock the door ... This woman could hear these young boys at times telling Gaeta not to do that or not to touch them.

She recalled a few years ago there was a fellow by the name of David Mayday now in his 40's who is a convicted pedophile and who now lives on West Ferry Street in Buffalo ... " ... one day I'm talking with Norm Bakos and he tells me he is close friends with this person as was Gaeta ..."

In the past she had contacted Detective Martin Harrington of the Buffalo Police Vice Squad. She gave him all the information she had regarding Gaeta and claims the detective investigated her allegations ... "... nothing came of this because the parents of the boys refused to press charges ... and then the next thing I heard was that Bakos goes to Buffalo Police Headquarters and created such a scene ..." the investigation died then and there.

She further tried to follow up on Gaeta in 1992 by contacting ... Warren Delp, Inspector General for the New York State Division for Youth ... " ... he came to Buffalo and spoke to me and then spoke with Bakos and Detective Harrington regarding Gaeta ... nothing happened because no person would come forward ... he did give me the file number they set up on Gaeta #SIU 92019 ... Bakos really sticks up for Gaeta which makes you wonder what Gaeta has on him ... ".

Lastly she said: " ... you know Paul does not live at 971 Lovejoy and still is staying at

Jellystone Camp ... the address is: Younger Townline Road, North Java, New York ... he owns a 1988 Valvo ... blue ... registered in his name but the last time I heard he had the address registered with the DMV at: [REDACTED] Cheektowaga, New York 14225 ... I'm pretty sure that is where his [REDACTED] lives ... Something is really happening ... Bakos tells me he is close friends with a convicted pedophile David Mayday ... I know he is close with Paul Gaeta and for years he was close with Gerald Jasinski who was a priest at Visitation Parish but was convicted of sexual abuse maybe 20 years ago ... Paul Gaeta is well connected to lots of politicians through Norm Bakos ..."

Mrs DuVall noted she has always been an outspoken person in the neighborhood and has never been afraid to address a problem when confronted by one ... in the past she has confronted Paul Gaeta both in private and in public ... "... wouldn't you think he would have filed a civil suit for deformation of character by now if I had been wrong ...".

This officer further learned that Paul Gaeta adopted a young boy named [REDACTED] around 1993 ... the boy is about 12 years of age at present and it is rumored that this young person has emotional problems ... also rumored is Gaeta is currently attempting to adopt another young boy around 8 or 9 years of age.

I have not been able to contact Det. Harrington thus far ... he has since retired from the Buffalo Police Department and is not listed in the phone directory under his name.

It is my professional judgement ... to hire this person now ... not only places the Department and the County of Erie at risk for a possible civil suit but also yourself should something occur during his employment.

I do not see the need to confront Mr. Gaeta with accusations regarding the material contained in this update and feel confronting him with the mere fact that he lied to you during the interview regarding an arrest is more than sufficient grounds to reverse your decision to hire him.

Furthermore even though the case was dismissed and sealed ... it was our Department that did the investigation for City Court and it was in that manner we became aware of his false statement.

Further information will be provided as received and or needed.

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